

Howard County's Local Children's Board
Meeting Minutes
5/15/18

Attendees

√	Maura Rossman, HD	√	Bitu Dayhoff, CAC	√	Charmayne Anderson, Community
	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Dawn Duignan, Community		Louis Valenti, MSDE (excused)
	Karen Butler, DSS	√	Tonya Kennon, Library	√	Gary Gardner, HCPD
	Dario Broccolino, States Attorney		Tim Madden, DJS	√	Edisa Padder, Community
√	John Byrd, DRP	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS		Michael Martirano, HCPSS
	Rachel Choo Quan, HCMHA	√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children	√	Francine Trout, Office of Workforce
√	Hector Garcia, FIRN	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society	√	Father Fazolini, Community

Staff: Kim Eisenreich, Kori Jones, Sucora Best, Randi Norris, Trent Hall

Public Attendees: Kim Oldham, State's Attorney Office; Kenyatta Cully, Mental Health Authority; James LeMon, HCPSS; Jim Marshall, Howard County Police Department,

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Welcome and introductions were made.

John officially welcomed Khiem Doane and Father Fazolini to the Board, as they were approved since the last Board meeting.

Roll Call

Kelly Cimino, Khiem Doane, Karen Butler, Tim Madden and Louis Valenti- Excused

Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda – Minutes were not sent out, so will approve the consent agenda during the June Board Meeting.

Committee and Program Updates

Executive Committee – John

NOFA will be presented in June after we have the reconciliation meeting and final approval in June.

Board Office nominations will be accepted in June – If you want to be on the Executive Committee please let Kim or Marsha know. Karen and Tim's are the positions that are up for nomination, which are two of the at-large seats.

Equity and Opportunity – John

Joelle will be providing a more detailed update on the work that has been happening in the Committee later in the presentation.

Cultural Proficiency Workshop was held on Thursday, May 3rd. Board members who attended- Fran, Kelly, John and Erica. Provided an overview on how we should approach cultural awareness and equity.

Racial Equity Institute – The LCB Team attended the REI training May 1st and 2nd and will be following up with a day-long deep dive in June.

GARE – Thursday June 28th, we will be releasing more information and registration at the end of the week to have folks attend. Up to 40 people can attend and we would like representation from across the county.

Mental Health – Dawn

Committee did not meet this quarter due to scheduling conflicts. We are working together with several other groups focusing on Mental Health (Health Department, School System, LHIC) on planning a training for June. We have been meeting as a smaller group and will update folks as soon as details are finalized.

Building Youth Resiliency – Dawn

BYR Staff have attended several trainings during this quarter (Mental Health First Aid, Motivational Interviewing, Mandated Reporting, etc.).

Serving 17 students (had a gap in service due to staff transition), All the children are falling into the GOC categories.

Healthy Families - Dawn

Decreased caseload for staff from 25 families to 23 families, 70 children have been served during this year, 716 home visits have been performed and 91% of children have been immunized.

Choice – Charmayne

Gave run down of CHOICE program. 36 youth have been serviced, 25 of those are from DJS. 3 Howard County CHOICE youth had completed the program during the reporting period. They have a fully staffed team, with youth participating in community services and cultural activities around the county. Participated in the team opportunity fair, with one teen receiving an on-the-spot interview and job offer.

Challenges – Serving a wide range of ages, which makes age appropriate activities challenging. Still seeking community service partners, having challenges connecting to housing services through Grassroots, transportation is a challenge, SRO role in schools and sharing information regarding youth, scheduling meetings with county agencies has been a challenge.

Strengthening Families- Charmayne

Gave run down of Strengthening Families program. Met at North Laurel Community Center, 6 families participated in the program. Challenges were that families did not attend consistently and the structure makes consistency important.

Food Access – No Update

Update

Community Engagement/Equity Work Presentation – Joelle Robinson

Community Engagement is a component of the larger equity report. Presented power point that outlines the approach to community engagement and how it will be used to inform the Equity Report. Still working on scheduling several conversations with parents, youth and families across the county. Candid conversations that is asking groups about their goals and obstacles in the county to allowing them to achieve the goals.

Questions:

- Why not LGBTQ Community/Male vs. Female Approach?
 - o Important to begin with a narrow approach and narrow population related to race. This is a tool to begin a conversation, and will be used as a guide to think about how to have broad conversations regarding broad groups of people and the opportunities they have or do not have access to in Howard County.
- How are you focusing on people's well-being and asking them questions that get to the root of answering that?
 - o Questions are tailored to the spaces that the conversations are taking place. (used conversations at Head Start programs as an example)
- How are you engaging with ethnic breakdowns of groups rather than just race?
 - o Individuals are asked their ethnic breakdown, but have not engaged broadly with folks that are defining themselves outside of their racial identification.

Learning Agenda

Hector Garcia – FIRN

Presentation of FIRN, overall impact on the community, particularly during current political climate.

County Breakdown – 40% Asian, 25% Hispanic, remaining is made up of a wide variety of ethnicities.

Vision and Mission is focused on providing ACCESS and began following the Vietnam War.

Broadened vision during ethnic roundtable that put FIRN at the center of creating safe spaces in the county in an intentional way.

60,000 residents speak a language other than English (25% of the county population) – 95% of those do not speak English as their primary language at home.

Services Offered –

Immigration Counseling (3,500 to 4,000 individuals) – This is a revenue generating arm of FIRN

Information and Referral (20,000 people) – answers questions about how to navigate in the community

Language/Connections and Interpreting Services – County is the largest client for this service.

Healthcare Enrollment – Certified healthcare navigators come during open enrollment to help families.

English Proficiency for Children – Afterschool programming CLUB LEAP

ESL Referrals for Adults –

Career Development -

Volunteers –

Community Comes to FIRN –

Offer confidential services

Accredited services in the county

Most clients come through word of mouth across the community

Questions:

- What are your main services offered?
 - o Legal Immigration, this is not the service that provides to the most people but it is the service that involves the most work by staff.
- Why do folks go to FIRN rather than the health department?
 - o Trust, most folks trust FIRN and know their status will not be shared.
- Have there been a surge in ICE events during the past year?
 - o No – in the county the conversation around undocumented individuals is not a conversation. We try not to draw attention to the conversation. The only time ICE contacts the HCPD is when there is a search warrant, so not to cause confusion when issuing warrants. Not a surge in events though.
- Is there something like Dr.'s Without Borders that FIRN could do?
 - o Not necessarily accredited, because it's tied to an institution.
- Health Department – Decrease in enrollment of undocumented. Folks are not coming for services because they are fearing to share information. If you have fewer people enrolling, can't prove need and then funding decreases.
- Fear that families without insurance are not getting the same level of care – immunizations are not always up to date.
- Should be asking ourselves across the county where are barriers for the population popping up? Where are the shifts happening? Innovative solutions happening? Are they accessible in multiple languages?
 - o Are fewer parents are willing to come to the school because of fear. Schools have been going door to door and out in the community. Using trusted ambassadors to meet families where they are to reduce the barriers.
 - o Club Leap was extremely integrated in the schools.
- Volunteer System, how do we connect potential volunteers?
 - o more open to internships (think about a macro placement)
 - o Board position open for a high school student.
- Resources?
 - o 60% HoCO, 15% Foundation, 25% Revenue

Announcements

- James Lemon – Update from School System
 - DCRS have been going into the schools (counseling, food access, center for health), Center for Children has been talking to principals (elementary principals).
 - Provide mental health services inside the schools (RFP went out, 30 people showed up, programs from other counties are interested, social workers position has been posted and will be assigned to each neighborhood)
 - Wilde Lake principals in the neighborhood to have conversations about their schools and their families and inviting people from different communities.
 - Met with Quinton a few weeks ago, 187 families that met in schools and received some type of service.
 - Health Department and Dr. M. talking with on suicide awareness and prevention
 - Mental Health First Aid with Bus Drivers and Athletic Trainers
 - Goal to get more collaborative
- John Byrd – Parks RX America
 - National Program, Rec and Parks are considering exploring
 - In other areas physicians are prescribing activities
 - Will send information to the Board to get feedback from folks. Ideas on problems, potential areas of growth.
 - Don't want it to be a gimmick.
 - Maria Brown is the contact and has championed it in other areas.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 19th at the Health Department – Barton Rooms